

# YOU ASKED Bill Collins

## THUNDERBIRDS ARE GO

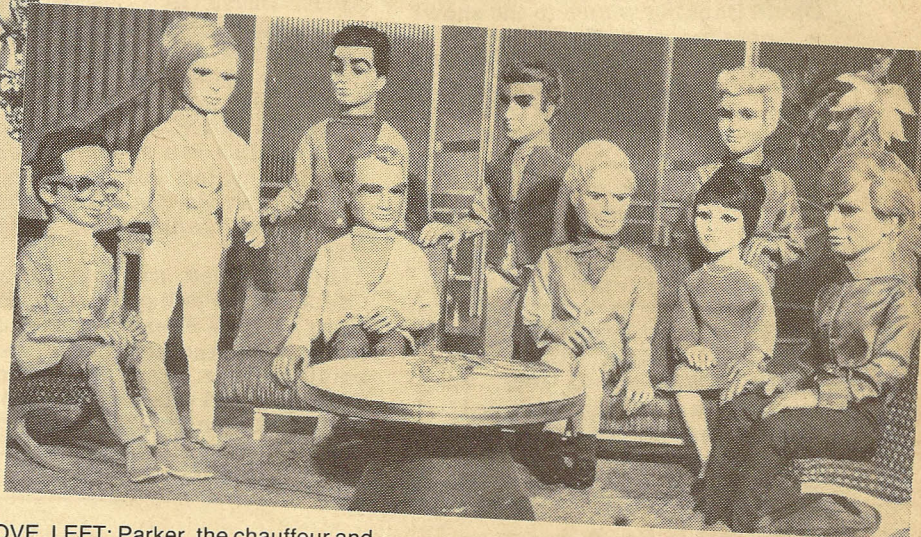
*COULD you please tell me where the TV series Thunderbirds was made and how many episodes were produced?* — **F. Cadorin, Cabramatta, NSW.**

**ANSWER:** Thunderbirds was developed in England by Gerry Anderson. Thunderbirds, produced in an hour-long form, told the story of a group of 21st century space heroes. Like the Muppets, this was a children's show — a puppet spoof on the James Bond syndrome — which had also a measure of adult appeal. I am not really sure how many episodes were made.

## DENNIS' DOSSIER

*COULD you please give me some information on Dennis Quaid — when and where he was born and a list of his movies?* — **H. Cekalovic, Fawkner, Vic.**

**ANSWER:** Dennis Quaid was born on April 9, 1953, in Houston, Texas.



ABOVE, LEFT: Parker, the chauffeur and manservant in Thunderbirds.

ABOVE: The whole crew — Brains, Lady Penelope, Jeff Tracy and his sons Gordon, Alan, Virgil and Scott and others from Thunderbirds.

I'm not quite sure whether he is married or not. His television appearances include Bill and Johnny Belinda. Some of his films are Seniors; Breaking Away; All Night Long; and The Night The Lights Went Out In Georgia.

## SUNNY FILM

*MY father told me the funniest film he had ever seen was Letting In The Sunshine from the*

*Thirties. Could you please give me some information on this film?* — **L. Reid, Brisbane, Qld.**

**ANSWER:** Letting In The Sunshine was an English film released in 1973 (according to my records). It starred Albert Burdon, Renee Gadd, Molly Lamont and Henry Mollison. It was a story about a window cleaner and a maid who try to foil a gem thief at a lady's ball.

## NAVAL STORY

*I THOROUGHLY enjoy the old films shown on television so I was wondering if you could help me with a title of a film I saw many years ago. It starred John Mills as a seaman in the Royal Navy. His friend was a French seaman and they fought against each other in a naval battle. I'm pretty sure the film was called Forever England. Could you please enlighten me?* — **D. Evans, Adelaide, SA.**

**ANSWER:** The film you are thinking of is called Brown On Resolution but is also known as Forever England. Released in 1935 it starred John Mills, Betty Balfour and Barry Mackay. It was released in the U.S. as Born For Glory. It was remade in the Fifties as Single Handed and starred Jeffrey Hunter. It is also known under another title as Sailor Of The King. So for one story there is about five different titles!

## Reel facts

*THE classic 1950 African adventure King Solomon's Mines has actually been remade five times — and only one was an "official" remake. The leading charac-*

*ters and enormous amounts of actual footage from the Stewart Granger/Deborah Kerr film were "borrowed" for use in Watusi, Drums Of Africa, Tarzan The Ape Man and Trader Horn. Ironically, the recent remake with Richard Chamberlain had almost nothing in common with the original other than the title.*